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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations  
Associate DDO for Counterintelligence

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Counterintelligence Center Film

1. I decided against sharing the film "Combatting the Hostile Intelligence Threat" with PFIAB on 30 November. We were, in any event, short on time and I barely made it through a lengthy agenda. Counterintelligence was not discussed at all.

2. I found that a number of people who watched the tape had some of the same reactions that I had. First, it is a long litany of intelligence failures followed by a very short statement of the Counterintelligence Center and the program. The statement is largely focused on people operating computers and really does not do much to advance an understanding of the significant progress that has been made. If the film was intended to be a warning film, that message did not seem to be clearly conveyed. If it was intended to be about the Counterintelligence Center, it was overwhelmed by the litany that preceded it.

3. I would suggest that before using this tape either inside or outside the Agency (especially outside the Agency) we have some communications specialists (our own or brought in) take a good look at it. I suspect they will tell you that the front end should be edited down and the back end edited up, but most importantly we should decide what the message is intended to be.

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NOTE FOR: Judge

I would recommend you not show this film to PFIAB. First of all, I believe it will provide little new information to PFIAB about work in the Counterintelligence Center. The tape primarily tries to sensitize the viewer to the kinds of intelligence threats against the United States--as you yourself have noted, the tape spends some time showing several counterintelligence failures--all of which PFIAB members are aware. The second half of the tape concentrates on how the CIC is working to counter these threats. This portion of the tape, however, is not particularly interesting or informative because it primarily emphasizes a variety of computer and high-tech efforts CIC is implementing. Finally, the tape is probably too long--it lasts about 10 1/2 minutes.



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